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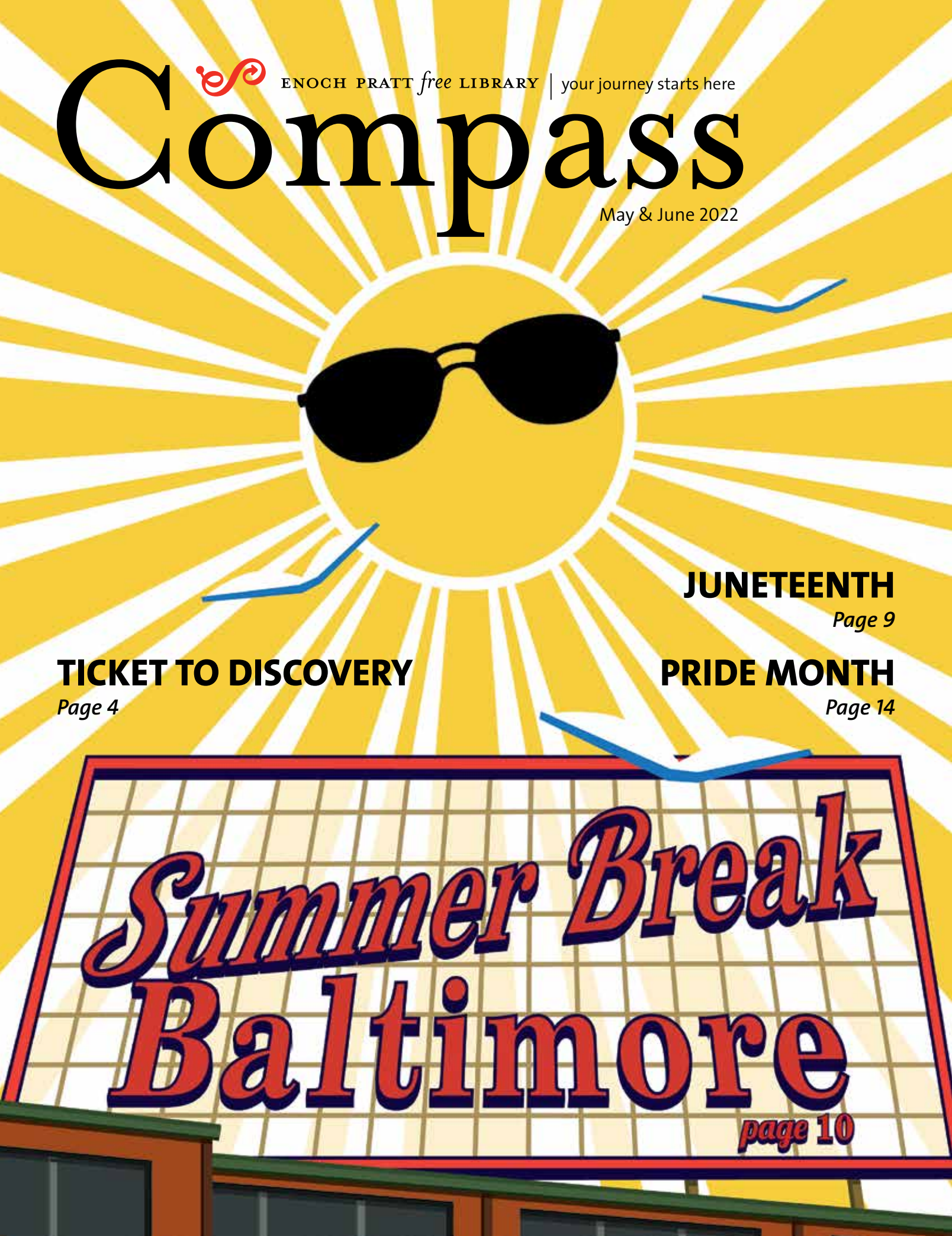

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POP-UP PRATT AT RCCC

We are excited to partner with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks to provide a Pop-Up Library at the Rita R. Church Community Center in the Clifton neighborhood. The Pratt will provide a small collection of books available for checkout. We also hope to work with Rec & Parks staff to provide neighborhood programming and tech support in the computer lab. The pop-up will happen as some repair work closes our Clifton branch.

Rita R. Church Community Center is located at 2101 St. Lo Drive.

Hours:
Monday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

LETTER FROM THE CEO

As schools let out, and pools start to open, the Pratt Library is excited to bring back Summer Break Baltimore! The program that debuted last year saw the highest number of summer reading participants in recent years. More than 13,000 people participated, logging 26,000 activities, and 21,000 books were given to people for their home libraries.

We hope 2022 can be another record-breaking year. Starting June 1, people of all ages can stop by any Pratt location and sign up. Participants will receive a free Summer Break Baltimore kit each month with books and prizes. Use the Summer Break Baltimore scratch-off card to track books read, library visits, programs attended, and more. Drop that card off at your local Pratt branch to be entered into weekly prize drawings.

We know that summer is a crucial time for students to continue the learning they've done in school. Kids who don't can fall behind faster next school year. The Pratt Library is here to bridge that gap, and make sure learning and reading is fun for all ages.

Speaking of fun, we're excited to announce our new partnership with Port Discovery Children's Museum. Modeled after our Read to Reef Book Club with the National Aquarium, Ticket to Discovery opens doors for our youngest readers. Baltimore-area students 5th grade and younger can pick up a special bookmark during the month of May while supplies last. Log five books that spark imagination and creativity and the child and an adult caregiver can receive free tickets to Port Discovery. The Pratt Library is all about access. Partnerships like this help us provide access to world class cultural institutions that local families may not otherwise have been able to afford. Our goal is to foster a lifelong love of learning and we thank Port Discovery for their help in meeting that goal.

Heidi Daniel, *President & CEO, Enoch Pratt Free Library*

CEO'S BOOK CLUB

Join Pratt Library CEO Heidi Daniel's Book Club! Heidi will pick a new book quarterly to read with the community and host a chat.

Her first selection is *Black Boy Smile* by Baltimore's own D. Watkins, coming out in mid-May. Then join the discussion this July.

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The next meeting of the Boards of Trustees and Directors will be held Wednesday, June 8 at 6:15 p.m.

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

In partnership with the Baltimore Digital Equity Coalition, the Pratt Library is giving away 1,000 Chromebooks to Baltimore City students generously donated by Dell Technologies. The first laptops were distributed at the Orleans St. Branch on March 26, where 68 families connected to our partner Head Starts received devices. **For more information, visit prattlibrary.org/dell-chromebooks**

NOW INTRODUCING

TICKET to DISCOVERY BOOK CLUB

Play. Dream. Read. Discover.

Baltimore area children in fifth grade or younger can stop by any Pratt Library location this May to pick up a Ticket to Discovery Book Club bookmark, while supplies last. When they read and record 5 books that spark curiosity and creativity, they earn

FREE ADMISSION

for themselves and an adult caregiver to Port Discovery Children's Museum.

Details at prattlibrary.org/discovery

INTERVIEW WITH RACHEL DEMMA, VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION & INNOVATION AT PORT DISCOVERY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

What is Ticket to Discovery?
Ticket to Discovery is a book club for Baltimore-area kids that's designed to encourage children to develop and nurture a love of reading, learning, dreaming, discovery, and play! Similar to the popular Read to Reef program, Ticket to Discovery is for Baltimore-area children in fifth grade and younger with a Pratt Library card. Kids and families can read or listen to any book that sparks their curiosity and creativity, and once complete, they'll earn free admission for up to two people for a day full of fun, play, and adventure at Port Discovery Children's Museum. Kids can really pick any book they'd like to read — and the team at Enoch Pratt has helped us put together an amazing list of book ideas for children to read or listen to. There are options for children of all reading levels, including children who haven't yet learned to read!

Why did Port Discovery want to partner with the Pratt Library?
At Port Discovery, we believe in curiosity, imagination, dreaming big, and — most of all — our community! And, we believe that reading and listening to books of all varieties helps children learn, dream, and discover — plus build foundations for success throughout their lives. We know that the Enoch Pratt Free Library believes in all of these things, too, and we love the work that they do to inspire children, to welcome and support the Baltimore community, and to fuel a lifelong love of learning and discovery. That makes both Port Discovery Children's Museum and Enoch Pratt Free Library really important community resources and anchors — and by partnering together, we think we can inspire more children to read, learn, discover, and play.

How can the Ticket to Discovery help with early learning?
When children read books — together with a parent or caregiver, or on their own as they grow older — they are creating an essential foundation for lifelong learning. When parents begin reading with their children in infancy and the early years, they create a warm, safe environment for children and strengthen important social-emotional bonds. Reading with infants and toddlers also allows children to begin making connections between words, meaning, and the act of reading. Reading together is also a great transition activity to create routine shifts into naptime or bedtime!

As younger children become verbal and begin mastering spoken language, reading together begins to build early print awareness skills — a critical component of learning to read. Reading together with preschool and Kindergarten aged children is a great way to reinforce many other early literacy skills including vocabulary and comprehension. Even as your child enters the elementary grades, keep on reading together! The act of reading together will continue to strengthen your relationship with your child and encourage them to be a lifelong reader.

What are some of the things that Ticket to Discovery participants might be able to see or do at Port Discovery over the summer months?
Port Discovery is a great place to play and have fun during the summer months! We have three floors of amazing, hands-on exhibits that encourage children to use their imaginations, ask questions, and explore how things work as they learn through play.

One of the special exhibits we'll have at the Museum this summer is *Very Eric Carle: A Very Hungry, Quiet, Lonely, Clumsy, Busy Exhibit*. It opens on May 21 and will stay open through September 5. In this fun exhibit, you can dive into the pages of some of your favorite childhood books and enjoy activities inspired by five of Eric Carle's classic books: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Very Quiet Cricket*, *The Very Lonely Firefly*, *The Very Clumsy Click Beetle,* and *The Very Busy Spider*.

We'll also have a number of special programs, fun events and activities to enjoy at the Museum this summer — you'll find things that are great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary-aged children — and for grown-ups, too! Check our website at portdiscovery.org to find out what's coming up!

"I love the library. The entire staff from security to the librarians are incredibly nice and helpful."

— Christopher D.

AUTHOR EVENTS

Some events require registration, visit calendar.prattlibrary.org to register. ASL interpretation will be available to attendees. Copies of most books are available for purchase from the Ivy Bookshop. Parking information is available at prattlibrary.org

WRITERS LIVE! STEPHANIE BEATRIZ

Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m. | Central Library, Central Hall

Stephanie Beatriz will be in conversation about her life and work. A natural talent with a striking presence, Stephanie Beatriz continues to skillfully navigate the entertainment industry with an array of versatile and complex roles defining her body of work. Most recently, Beatriz starred in Jon M. Chu's film adaptation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's play, *In The Heights* and Disney's Oscar-nominated animated hit, *Encanto*. Beatriz also starred as Detective Rosa Diaz in the beloved comedy *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, which was brought back by popular demand on NBC. As a bisexual Latina, Beatriz is known for her outspoken advocacy for LGBTQ+ rights and queer representation in the entertainment industry.

WRITERS LIVE!

ANGÉLIQUE KIDJO

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Angélique Kidjo will be in conversation about her life and work.

Three-time Grammy Award-winning singer, activist, and humanitarian Angélique Kidjo is one of the greatest artists in international music today. A creative force with 14 albums to her name, Angélique has been called "Africa's premier diva" by *TIME* and was named one of *The Guardian*'s 100 most-inspiring women in the world.

KIDS WRITERS LIVE!

JOYCE HESSELBERTH

Beatrice Was a Tree

Wednesday, May 18, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor

Join author/illustrator Joyce Hesselberth as she reads her new book, *Beatrice Was a Tree*, published by Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins). Afterwards, collage your own tree. What kind of tree would you be? This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

WRITERS LIVE!

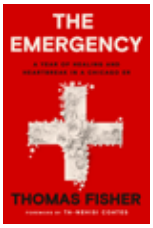
CHARLES L. CHAVIS, JR.

Monday, May 23, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, African American Department

Please join us for a lecture with Charles L. Chavis, Jr. as he discusses his life and work.

Charles L. Chavis, Jr. is the director of African and African American Studies at George Mason University. He is also the founding director of the John Mitchell, Jr. Program for History, Justice, and Race at the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution; and the national co-chair for the United States Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Movement.

WRITERS LIVE!



THOMAS FISHER

The Emergency

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium & Virtual

Thomas Fisher will be in conversation with Joshua M. Sharfstein about his life and work, culminating in the release of his book *The Emergency: A Year of Healing and Heartbreak in a Chicago ER*.

Thomas Fisher is a board-certified emergency medicine physician from Chicago. He has worked to improve health care as an academic, health insurance executive, and White House Fellow in the Obama administration.

WRITERS LIVE!

MICHELLE PETTIES

Leaving Large

Wednesday, June 8, 6:00 p.m.
Central Library, African American Department

Please join us for a lecture with Michelle Petties as she discusses her life, work, and book *Leaving Large*.

After four decades of gaining and losing 700 plus pounds, Michelle Petties finally discovered the "secret" to ending the battle between her mind, body, and hunger — her Food Stories.

Writers LIVE! programs are supported in part by a bequest from The Miss Howard Hubbard Adult Programming Fund and the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund, creator of the Baker Artist Portfolios, www.BakerArtist.org.

YOUR PRATT JOURNEY

DORIAN'S JOURNEY

I grew up mostly in rented Baltimore houses along Cold Spring Lane. My mother was a single parent who worked full-time while putting herself through school, so there often wasn't a lot of money for new toys. Though my room was devoid of Decepticons, I did have shelves of hand-me-down books that allowed me to escape within my imagination. Everything from classical literature to old science texts, and of course an encyclopedia.

I should explain the encyclopedia for the younger readers. In ancient times, when you had to wait for things and maps didn't move when you slide your finger, the entire internet was written down in large tomes and you had to Google things by hand. Perusing one of these using my search engine (thumb,) I came across an entry on the constellations and how they were named after mythical figures whose stories explained their existence. My curiosity in seeking out these stories became an interest in Greek mythology, which became an obsession with fantasy literature starting with my first, *A Spell for Chameleon* by Piers Anthony.

It wasn't long before my voracious reading would deplete my resources. With no friends who shared this interest, this fantastical fascination might have been a brief phase in the self-discovery of a child had my mother not brought me to the Enoch Pratt Library. There I was able to discover more literature and this access would have a lasting impact.

Today I'm a stand-up comic who performs at sci-fi/fantasy conventions. I have published material in a fantasy roleplaying adventure book. And of course, I now work at that same library my mother brought me to all those years ago. There are other influences on my life (Rita Rudner for example, showed me that you didn't have to be loud to be funny), but Pratt Library was there for me at the right moment, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Dorian Gray works in the Marina Interlibrary Loan Department.

We want to hear your Pratt journey! Email us your Pratt story at journey@prattlibrary.org and it may get published in *Compass*.

"Library has everything a person needs, books, computers, material regarding community, helpful employees, all to help be a better informed person."

— Carole J.

ASIAN-AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

ADULTS

CHIGIRI-E PAPER CRAFT
May 2 – 31 | Southeast Anchor
Explore Chigiri-e (pronounced chee-ghee-ri-eh), a paper craft from Japan dating back to the Heian period (794 to 1185). Often paired with calligraphy, it involves tearing colored paper into shapes and creating images that resemble watercolors.

TAKE & MAKE: HENNA COLORING BOOK KIT
May 16 – 28 | Waverly

MOVIE: *MINARI*
Thursday, May 19, 5:00 p.m. | Waverly

MOVIE: *SHANG-CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS*
Saturday, May 28, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor

TEENS

TAKE & MAKE: ORIGAMI
May 2 – 31 | Govans

TAKE & MAKE: JAPANESE SUNSHINE DOLL
May 2 – 31 | Brooklyn
Make your own "teru teru bozu," a simple Japanese doll traditionally made as a good luck charm to bring sunny weather during the rainy months.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TAKE & MAKE: JAPANESE FAN MAKING
May 2 – 31 | Central Library
Learn about the Uchiwa fan and make your own. For ages 3 and up.

FOLKTALE STORYTIME: THE CRANE GIRL
Tuesday, May 10, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn

MOVIE: *MOANA*
Monday, May 16, 3:00 p.m. | Walbrook

MOVIE: *RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON*
Thursday, May 26, 3:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor

Take & Makes are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

WHAT'S NEW

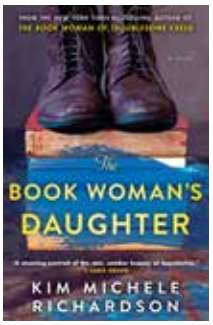
Here's the most anticipated books of May and June that you can check out at the Pratt.

Black Boy Smile by D. Watkins

Living in East Baltimore at the height of the crack epidemic, nine-year-old D. Watkins has three concerns in life: picking his dad's Lotto numbers, keeping his Nikes free of creases, and being a man. A love letter to Black boys in concrete cities that brings to life the contradictions, fears, and hopes of boys hurdling headfirst into adulthood.

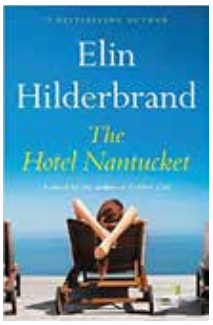
The Hacienda by Isabel Cañas

During the overthrow of the Mexican government, Beatriz lost her father and her home. When handsome Don Rodolfo Solórzano proposes, Beatriz ignores the rumors surrounding his first wife's demise, choosing instead to seize the security that his estate provides. But Hacienda San Isidro is not the sanctuary she imagined.



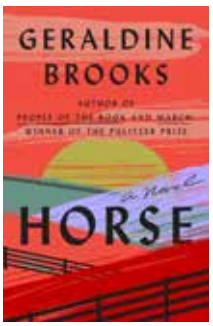
The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson

As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey Lovett and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. When her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good.



The Hotel Nantucket by Elin Hilderbrand

As the new general manager of the Hotel Nantucket, Lizbet Keaton is eager to restore the Gilded Age gem. The hotel appears to be a blissful paradise, but with a ghost gleefully haunting the halls, a staff harboring all kinds of secrets, and Lizbet's own romantic uncertainty, is the Hotel Nantucket destined for success or doom?

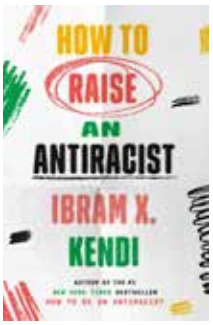


Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Kentucky, 1850. An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the Civil War erupts, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamour of any racetrack.

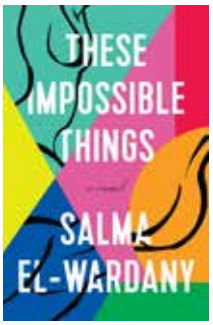
Book Lovers by Emily Henry

Nora Stephens, a cutthroat literary agent, keeps bumping into Charlie Lastra, a bookish, brooding editor while on vacation. It would be a meet-cute if not for the fact that they've met many times and it's never been cute. As Nora and Charlie are thrown together again and again they begin to unravel the carefully crafted stories they've written about themselves.



How to Raise an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

Kendi combines a century of scientific research with a vulnerable and compelling personal narrative of his own journey as a parent and as a child in school. The chapters follow the stages of child development from pregnancy to toddler to schoolkid to teenager. It's never too early or late to start raising young people to be antiracist.

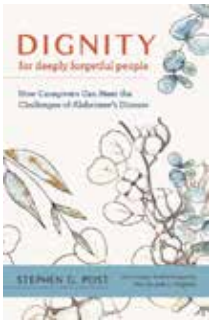


These Impossible Things by Salma El-Wardany

It's always been Malak, Kees, and Jenna against the world. Since childhood, under the watchful eyes of their parents, aunties and uncles, they've learned to live their own lives alongside the expectations of being good Muslim women. But as their college years come to a close, one night changes everything when harsh truths are revealed.

By the Book by Jasmine Guillory

Isabelle is the only Black employee at her publishing house. Constantly torn between speaking up or stifling herself, Izzy thinks there must be more to this publishing life. When she overhears her boss complaining about a beastly high-profile author who has failed to deliver his long-awaited manuscript, Izzy sees an opportunity to prove her worth.



Dignity for Deeply Forgetful People by Stephen Post

For caregivers of deeply forgetful people, a book that combines new ethics guidelines with an innovative program on how to communicate and connect with people with Alzheimer's.

JUNETEENTH & BLACK MUSIC MONTH

ADULTS

Movie: *A Journal for Jordan*
Saturday, May 21, 12:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Based on the true story of First Sergeant Charles Monroe King, a soldier deployed to Iraq who begins to keep a journal of love and advice for his infant son. Rated PG 13 | 2 hr 11 min.

Take & Make: Celebrate Juneteenth!
June 6 – 18 | Waverly
Celebrate the first anniversary of Juneteenth becoming a national holiday with this take and make kit! Available at the circulation desk upon check out of a book/DVD focused on African American history.

Take & Make:
DIY Juneteenth Ceramic Magnet Kit
June 6 – 18 | Reisterstown Rd.
In celebration of Juneteenth, pick up a do-it-yourself ceramic magnet kit. The magnet features the shape of Africa. The kit includes paint pots, a brush and magnet.

Movie: *Just Mercy*
Thursday, June 16, 5:00 p.m. | Waverly
A powerful and thought-provoking true story follows young lawyer Bryan Stevenson and his history-making battle for justice. After graduating from Harvard, Bryan had his pick of lucrative jobs. Instead, he heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or who were not afforded proper representation, with the support of local advocate Eva Ansley. One of his first and most incendiary cases is that of Walter McMillian. Rated PG 13 | 2 hr 16 min.

Movie: *Judas and the Black Messiah*
Saturday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
Offered a plea deal by the FBI, William O'Neal infiltrates the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party to gather intelligence on Chairman Fred Hampton. Rated R | 2 hr 6 min.

Live Music: Karter Jaymes
Saturday, June 25, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Karter Jaymes was born and raised in Baltimore and is the former drummer for the Legendary Teddy Pendergrass. He is now an acoustic Singer/Songwriter whose writing style ranges from blues to folk and alternative soul. With his superb wit and down-to-earth charm, audiences are always in for a treat of fun times, original tunes, and great music.

TEENS

Documentary: *Mr. Civil Rights: Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP*
Monday, June 13, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Join us to watch Mr. Civil Rights: Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP, *a PBS Documentary that highlights the life of local hero and civil rights champion Thurgood Marshall. The documentary will cover his early days as a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Not Rated | 57 min. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0983.*

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Take & Make: Celebrate Black Music Month
June 1 – 30 | Edmondson Ave.
Learn about the history of Black Music Month with a take & make that includes a reading list and your own music makers!

Movie: *Cinderella*
Saturday, June 4, 1:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Celebrate African American Music(al) Appreciation Month with the made for TV movie Cinderella. *Although mistreated by her cruel stepmother and stepsisters, Cinderella is able to attend the royal ball through the help of a fairy godmother. Rated G | 1 hr 28 min.*

Movie: *Polly*
Thursday, June 9, 6:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Celebrate African American Music(al) Appreciation Month with the made-for-TV movie Polly, *which chronicles the adventures of an orphan sent to Harrington, Alabama, to live with her aunt — a very wealthy and influential black woman in a small divided town. Aunt Polly is prim, proper and often cold toward her new charge. Despite many setbacks, Polly's "gladness" game just might thaw the townsfolk and her aunt. Rated G | 1 hr 40 min.*

Celebrating African American Music
Thursday, June 16, 4:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Avenue
In honor of Juneteenth, join us for a celebration of African American music with crafts and storytelling.

THE PRATT TEST KITCHEN

ADULTS

PRATT TEST KITCHEN COMMUNITY FEATURE: TRUDEE WOODEN
Thursday, May 26, 3:00 p.m. | Virtual
Join us for a conversation with a Baltimore community innovator in the food justice space. This month's feature is Trudee Wooden, Garden Manager at Patterson Park. Hosted by Northwood Branch Manager Kinshasa Vargas-Pile.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FAMILY STORYTIME WITH HERITAGE KITCHEN
Wednesday, May 4, 4:00 p.m.
Whitehall Mill
Join us at the historic Whitehall Mill for a family storytime celebrating Asian American Heritage Month, including a special guest from Heritage Kitchen! Presented in partnership between the Enoch Pratt Free Library, TasteWise Kids, Whitehall Mill, and Heritage Kitchen. This program will take place at Whitehall Mill at 3300 Clipper Mill Rd.

FAMILY STORYTIME WITH GUNDALOW GOURMET
Wednesday, June 1, 4:00 p.m.
Whitehall Mill
Join us at the historic Whitehall Mill for a family storytime with a special guest from Gundalow Gourmet! Presented in partnership between the Enoch Pratt Free Library, TasteWise Kids, Whitehall Mill, and Gundalow Gourmet. This program will take place at Whitehall Mill at 3300 Clipper Mill Rd.

June 1 – September 1

WHAT IS SUMMER BREAK BALTIMORE?
Summer Break Baltimore is a fun program for all ages that encourages literacy and learning in our community. The Pratt will have fun in-person and virtual activities all summer long, or you can participate without ever leaving your home!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?
Register online at prattlibrary.org or in-person at any Pratt Library location.

WHAT WILL I GET?
When you sign up, you'll get a Summer Break Baltimore kit with a book, prizes, an events calendar, and more. Then, in July and August you can pick up ANOTHER kit with a book and a prize when you stop by a Pratt location, while supplies last.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
Pick up a Summer Break Baltimore scratch-off card. You can scratch off a star anytime you:

- Read or listen to a book
- Visit any Pratt location
- Attend a library program

When you drop by a library, hand in your scratch-off card to be entered in weekly drawings for prizes. You don't need to complete the card to enter into a drawing and you can always pick up a new card at any library location.

WHAT IF I'M PARTICIPATING ONLINE?
You can enter into the drawings too! Log your activities online and your name and information will automatically be entered into the drawing.

Sign up for Summer Break! Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera (prattlibrary.org/summer-break).

KIDS SUMMER BREAK

Registration is recommended for some events, call the branch to register. Walk-ins will be accepted until maximum capacity is met. Take & Makes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, while supplies last.

Take & Make: Jellyfish Suncatcher
May 31 – July 1 | Brooklyn

Take & Make: Book Buddy Bookmark
June 1 – 30 | Govans

Take & Make:
Summer Break Baltimore Bookmark
Starting June 1 | Southeast Anchor

Stained Glass Stories
Wednesday, June 1, 12:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Join Port Discovery at a Port-to-Port pop up! Children will learn how images can tell a story, explore the colors of stained glass, and where the colors come from, as well as engage in a group storytelling experience.

Galactic Quest
Thursdays, June 2 – 30 (except June 23)
3:45 p.m. | Walbrook
Join the 4-H STEM Challenge and explore the endless possibilities space can offer in four sessions.
June 2: Stellar Optics
June 9: Cipher Space
June 16: Astro Adventure
June 30: Cosmic Claw
This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0935.

Storytime in the Park at Mt. Vernon Place
Friday, June 3, 9:30 a.m.
Mt. Vernon Place Park – East Square
Join us for a special storytime in the east square of Mt. Vernon Place. This family storytime for children ages birth – 7 and their grown-ups will have you moving, singing, and playing along with interactive books. After storytime, grab a take & make and bring home a fun activity with all supplies included. Don't forget your blanket for sitting on the grass with us!

Summer Break Baltimore Readers' Social
Monday, June 6, 5:30 p.m. | Walbrook
Share a favorite book with our multigenerational community of readers! Hear what others have enjoyed and add to your "To Be Read" list for the summer. Don't forget to sign up for Summer Break Baltimore to receive a free book to keep.

Sensory Science Lab
Tuesdays, June 7 – 28, 11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Department
Each week, experiment with different materials and learn about liquids and solids, chemical reactions, light, and fossil formation. For children ages 4 – 12. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-5402.

Van Gogh Paint Afternoon
Tuesday, June 7, 3:30 p.m. | Patterson Park
Learn about the famous artist and paint your own masterpiece. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, call 410-396-0983.

STEAM Storytime: The Sun & the Solstice
Wednesday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. | Northwood
Learn about the sun and why June 21 is the longest day of the year. We'll read a story or two and then do experiments. This storytime is limited to children ages 3 and up due to small pieces used in the hands-on activities. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6076.

Eye Dropper Rainbow Craft
Wednesday, June 8, 3:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Create eye-popping watercolors using a simple eye-dropper. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

Summer Art Club
Thursdays, June 9 – 30, 4:30 p.m. | Canton
Explore various art techniques, materials, and styles. Projects will be designed for a variety of ages and skill levels.

Take & Make: Summer Journal
June 13 – 18 | Light St.
Decorate your own journal for summer writing, drawing and reflecting.

Take & Make: Firefly Water Bottles
June 13 – 18 | Reisterstown Rd.
It's summertime! Make a glowing firefly and learn more about these insects.

Family STEAM: Colors
Monday, June 13, 4:30 p.m. | Canton
Explore the wonder and science of colors with hands-on activities and experiments, including prism painting and color-changing slime. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-8548.

Constellation Cards
Saturday, June 18, 11:00 a.m.
Southeast Anchor
Create galactic cards to show someone special they're a star! This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

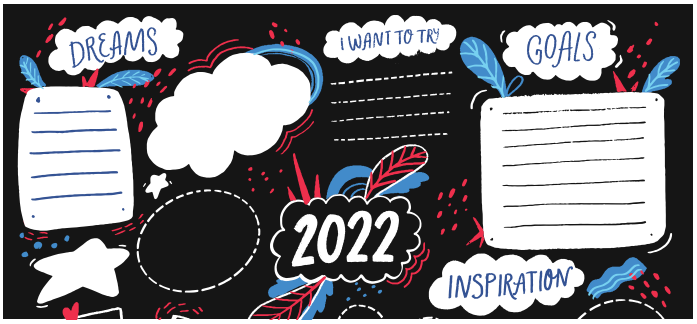
Take & Make: Solstice Shakers
June 21 – 30 | Forest Park
Celebrate the Summer Solstice and Make Music Day with this fun take home musical craft.

Graphic Novel Book Chat
Tuesdays, June 21 & 28, 4:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Department
Drop by each week to chat with other young graphic novel and manga readers, create comic strips and art, and take home some fun snacks. This program is perfect for children in developmental ages 8 – 12 with assistance available for all abilities.

Summer Solstice Storytime
Tuesday, June 21, 4:30 p.m. | Virtual
Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes as we celebrate the first day of summer with a virtual storytime!

Turtle Dance Music:
An Ocean of Possibilities!
Friday, June 24, 10:30 a.m. | Hamilton
Kids will dance, sing, laugh, use their imaginations and connect with new friends while we discuss why it is important to keep our oceans clean.

Drop-In Building Brick Social
Saturday, June 25, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Department
Join other LEGO® enthusiasts in answering a challenge, building your own masterpiece, and hearing about STEM books to help take your engineering skills to the next level.



DESIGN YOUR FUTURE: TEEN SUMMER @ THE PRATT

For Baltimore city teens age 12 – 18.
June 27 – July 29, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Central Library, Earl Teen Center

Design a road map to your future in this 5-week, hands-on program! Explore different careers, including pathways to entrepreneurship and the trades.

Each week's sessions are focused on STEAM workshops, life skills workshops (personal finance, interpersonal relations, solving conflict, time management, dress for success, etc), and professional skills (interviewing, workplace behavior, applying, and resumes)!

Design your summer! Sign up for the sessions that interest you:

- **Maker Mondays:** Building, music, creation, 3D printing workshops
- **Tech Tuesdays:** Coding, tech industry careers, gaming
- **Word Wednesdays:** Publishing, graphic arts, journalism, creative writing
- **Pathway Thursdays:** Life skills, college, career, trade industries, alternative careers
- **Fashion Fridays:** Textiles, sewing, weaving, all things fashion

Registration is required. Sign up at prattlibrary.org.

With special thanks to funding from the Earl Family. The camps will be in-person, pending COVID safety guidelines.

ART WITH A HEART'S HeARTworks

For Youth ages 14 – 24.
June 27 – July 29, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Central Library, Earl Teen Center

With art as its vehicle, HeARTworks (Art with a Heart's Workforce Development Program) provides a collaborative space for youth to experience a structured work environment while building job readiness and life skills. Participants produce marketable art to sell at Art with a Heart's social enterprise/retail store, HeARTwares, and are paid by Youthworks upon attendance and timeliness. Artwork covers a wide range of mediums including, but not limited to: mosaics, jewelry, painting, mixed media, ceramics, and even digital design (graphic design and 3D printing/digital fabrication).

Participants can sign up for a full day by registering for both programs (space limited). Register at prattlibrary.org

A SNEAK PEEK OF SUMMER BREAK GIVEAWAYS

ADULT SUMMER BREAK

Take & Makes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, while supplies last.

Throwback Thursday Retro Game Day
Thursdays, May 5, – June 30, 10:00 a.m.
Southeast Anchor
Unplug and enjoy some retro card and board games every Thursday. #TBT

Penn Paint Program
Saturdays, May 7 & June 11, 2:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Ave.
A local artist will lead you step-by-step as you create your very own masterpiece. All paint supplies will be provided by the library. No children are allowed.

Financial Planning 101
Saturdays, May 14 & June 11, 2:00 p.m.
Waverly
We will discuss budgeting, debt, and creating generational financial wealth. This workshop is presented by Kerrie Carden, Founder & CEO of Equip.

Writing your Business Plan
Saturday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. | Forest Park
Monday, May 23, 6:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Monday, June 13, 6:00 p.m. | Walbrook
Monday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. | Waverly
Whether building a new business or growing a current one, a business plan will help you strategically plan the direction of your business (and make you ready to face potential investors!) We'll share the resources the library has to make writing yours even easier and walk you through how to use these premium resources that are free to access with your library card.

Adult Readers' Social
Mondays, May 23 – June 27, 5:30 p.m.
Walbrook
Share a favorite book with our community of readers! Hear what others have enjoyed and add to your "To Be Read" list.

Take & Make: Bath Bombs
June 1 – 30 | Cherry Hill

Take & Make: Rainbow Diffuser Charm
June 1 – 30 | Hampden

Design Your Own Bookmark
June 1 – 30 | Southeast Anchor
Drop in anytime in June, sign up for adult summer reading, and pick up your free participation prize. Then create your own bookmark using craft paper for your summer-reading books.

Genealogy Circle Meeting: Religious Records in Maryland
Saturday, June 4, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Central Library
Join us to hear Debra Hoffman, professional genealogist and Maryland research specialist, discuss the basic organization and theology of the religions of Maryland's settlers.

Take & Make: Cross Stitch a Bookmark
June 6 – 11 | Govans

Digital Headshots
Monday, June 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Herring Run
Get a FREE headshot photo taken to enhance your professional portfolio. This service will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Crafty Cat Blankets
Saturday, June 11, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
June is Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month. Come be crafty and create a no-sew, fleece blanket. Blankets will be donated to BARCS and given to adopted cats to take to their new homes.

Movie: *Spider-Man: No Way Home*
Saturday, June 18, 12:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Rated PG 13 | 2 hr 30 min.

Take & Make: Scratch Art Bookmark
June 20 – 25 | Govans

Take & Make: Movie Night in a Bag
June 20 – 30 | Reisterstown Rd.
Check out a free movie and grab a bag that includes popcorn and some other treats. One grab-and-go bag per adult check out!

The Rare and Curious Book Collection at Enoch Pratt
Saturday, June 25
Central Library, Poe Room, 2nd Floor
Come visit the Poe Room at the Central Library to view a selection of books spanning five centuries that are housed in the Special Collections Department. Book lovers will be treated to some of the rarer and more curious items representing a wide range of cultures, materials, and bookbinding techniques. Drop in between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to speak with a librarian and see one of our most unique collections.

Movie: *King Richard*
Thursday, June 30, 4:30 p.m. | Orleans St.
Rated PG 13 | 2 hr 24 min.

EQUITY IN FINANCING FAIR

Saturday, June 18, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Brooklyn

Looking for ways to invest in yourself or your business and unsure what funding resources are available? Come to Pratt's inaugural Equity in Financing Fair to meet community partners and lenders, connect to local resources and incentives, and learn how to invest in yourself and our great city.

This fair will give local and regional advocates, entrepreneurs, community organizations, business owners, home buyers, artists, investors, developers, etc. the opportunity to see what funding resources are available across Baltimore City and discuss potential project ideas, questions, comments, or concerns with funders.

To get reminders and updates, sign up here: bit.ly/EquityinFunding

"There are so many books and videos to check out. The staff is great."

— Patricia W.

PRIDE MONTH

Take & Makes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, while supplies last.

ADULTS

Lesbian Section with SHAN Wallace
Wednesdays, May 11 & 25
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Central Library
Lesbian communities are invited to bring personal photographs and media for submissions that will be scanned or copied and archived during the residency. Community members can also participate in the oral history component, a one to two hour interview on various topics. Sign up at prattlibrary.org/artists. This program is part of the Baltimore Living Archives.

Celebrate Pride Month with Button Making
Saturday, June 4, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Fine Arts Department
Stop by the Fine Arts & Music Department, and make a personalized pin to show your solidarity! Design your own buttons with us using a variety of different media, including digital design and collage.

Movie: *Moonlight*
Saturday, June 4, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Wheeler Auditorium
A look at three defining chapters in the life of Chiron, a young black man growing up in Miami. His epic journey to manhood is guided by the kindness, support and love of the community that helps raise him. Rated R | 1 hr 51 min.

Movie: *Boy Erased*
Saturday, June 11, 2:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
The son of a Baptist preacher unwillingly participates in a church-supported gay conversion program after being forcibly outed to his parents. Based on the memoir Boy Erased *by Garrard Conley. Rated R | 1 hr 55 min.*

TEENS

Take & Make: LGBTQIA+ Beaded Pride Pins
June 1 – 30 | Brooklyn

Teen Raid Box: Show Your Pride
June 1 – 30 | Edmondson Ave.
This month's box contains resources, Pride Facts, recommended reading, a craft, snack, flare, and more. Call 410-396-0946 to reserve your box and pick it up from the Edmondson Ave. Branch.

Take & Make: Pride Bracelets
June 1 – 30 | Hampden

Take & Make: DIY Pride Glasses
June 1 – 30 | Southeast Anchor

Take and Make: DIY Pride Flags
June 1 – 30 | Waverly

Take & Make: Pride Sunglasses
June 3 – 24 | Walbrook

Movie: *Love, Simon*
Wednesday, June 8, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Come enjoy the film adaptation of a great teen fiction book: Love, Simon. *Everyone deserves a great love story, but for 17-year-old Simon Spier, it's a little more complicated. He hasn't told his family or friends that he's gay, and he doesn't know the identity of the anonymous classmate that he's fallen for online. Resolving both issues proves hilarious, terrifying and life-changing. Rated PG 13 | 1 hr 50 min.*

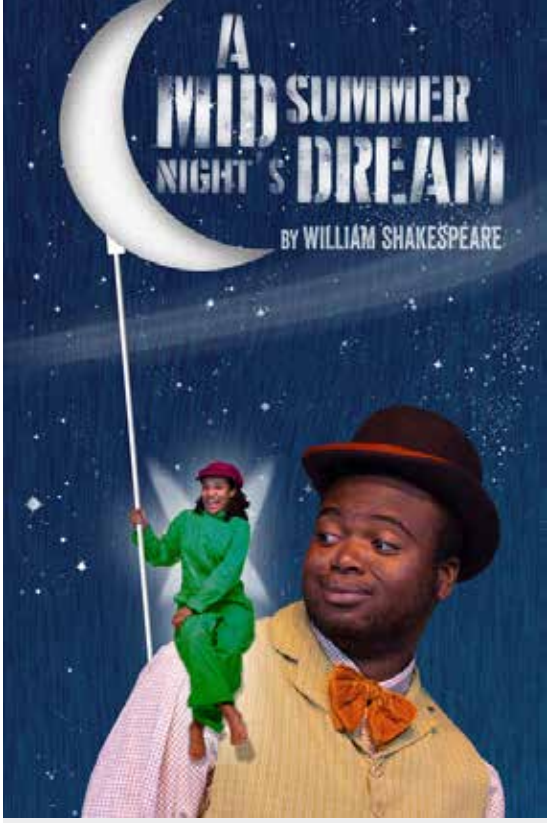
DIY Pride Buttons
Tuesday, June 14, All Day | Walbrook
Create your own custom, pin-back button with your pronouns, Pride flag, EPFL Pride logo, or any other way you'd like to celebrate yourself.

Queer Zine-Making 101
Monday, June 20, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Join us for a queer zine-making workshop for tweens and teens. This event will be based around an instructional zine and inspired by independent queer publication projects based here in Baltimore.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Take & Make: Rainbow Heart Suncatcher
June 1 – 30 | Cherry HIll
Pick up the supplies to create your own Rainbow Heart Suncatcher to celebrate Pride!

Take & Make: Pride Rainbows
June 1 – 30 | Central Library
Show your Pride with ribbon streamers and rainbow suncatchers. This kit is perfect for children ages 3 and up. Kit includes supplies, information, and recommended resources.



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM WITH THE NATIONAL PLAYERS

Saturday, May 28, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Central Library, France Merrick Creative Arts Center

Join us for a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with the National Players, followed by a Q&A.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies; a fast-paced tale follows four young lovers, an acting troupe, and fairy royalty as they travel through a mystical wood. The lovers fall prey to a magical trickster named Puck, an attendant of the fairy king Oberon. Sent on a mischievous errand by Oberon, Puck uses the power of a mythical flower upon the lovers, and the ensuing confusion drives the comedic force of this play.

National Players meld classic language with Afrofuturist themes to bring to life Shakespeare's imaginative love story. A romantic comedy about magic, discovery, and possibility.

BALTIMORE LIVING ARCHIVES

Q&A WITH SHAN WALLACE

Why did you want to have a residency at the Enoch Pratt Free Library?
A residency at the Enoch Pratt Free Library is ideal. As a young child and teenager, the Clifton Branch was my favorite place to spend time; my friends and I would spend a lot of time reading comics. The library continues to play a fundamental role in my life and I see that is the case for many others. It's truly beautiful to see so many resources being offered and received by the community. There's so much support and assistance, so many people to learn from, it's truly welcoming to everyone. It's been inspiring to spend a lot of my time immersed in the periodicals and collections that are available. I've been learning so much during this time. The library has been so nurturing to my development as an artist and archivist.

What appealed to you about creating a Living Archive?
As an image maker and visual artist, it is a priority for me to ensure our history is being recorded and accessible. I want Baltimoreans to be the authors of our history; BLA allows us, as collaborators, as a community, to make that happen. BLA is a home for Baltimore's ongoing history.

It was recently announced that you've been hired by the *Baltimore Banner*. What's your hope for that new publication?
My goal as a photojournalist for the *Baltimore Banner* is to truly reflect the complexity of this charming city. I want to tell all sides of the story, I want to make beautiful images that reflect all the nuances of Baltimore — its residents, communities, neighborhoods, our challenges, resilience, and victories. I hope the *Baltimore Banner* can truly prioritize, serve, and tend to the residents and communities that contribute to the greatness of this city.

What's your advice for an aspiring young photographer here in Baltimore?
For aspiring photographers in Baltimore, I want to say find your voice and your vision. It's a long but nurturing process that'll be rewarding for you.

SHAN Wallace (b. 1991) is a nomadic award-winning visual artist, photographer, and educator from East Baltimore, MD, who is inspired by the nuances of day-to-day life of her surroundings in Baltimore, not as fixed narratives but a multiplicity of experiences. It was in Baltimore where she learned about the importance of service, the power of collaboration, and the effects of social change. SHAN has received recognition from publications like the *Baltimore Beat* for "Best Solo Show," the *City Paper* for "Best Photographer," and the Association of Health Care Journalists' awarded her "2nd Place — Small Outlet Feature" for her photojournalism piece "Losing Conner's Mind" in the *Atavist Magazine*. SHAN's work is in both public and private collections across the US including Baltimore Museum of Art, Reginald F. Lewis Art Museum, the New Gallery of Modern Art, and more.

Learn more about SHAN's work as one of Pratt's artist-in-residence at prattlibrary.org/artists

The Artists in Residence and Baltimore Living Archives program is made by possible with the generous support of the NEA Our Town grant and the SNF Parkway Theatre. This project is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. Baltimore Living Archives was initially conceived by Ginevra Shay with Lawrence Burney and SHAN Wallace and is currently organized by Mia Smith.

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ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE EVENTS

OUR CITY WITH SHAN WALLACE
Wednesdays, May 4 & 18
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Central Library
Be a part of history and help paint a more colorful and dynamic portrait of Baltimore by telling your story and submitting your photos!

HOW DID WE GET HERE? WITH LAWRENCE BURNEY
Wednesdays, May 4 – 25,
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Central Library
Everyone's family has a migration story. Whether it be as recent as this decade or hundreds of years ago, we all have a starting point. The people of Baltimore are no different. Every Wednesday, Baltimore residents are invited to speak about how they or their families from generations past ended up in the Baltimore area.

WHEN TIME STOPS WITH LAWRENCE BURNEY
Thursday, May 19, 3:00 p.m. | Herring Run
Lawrence Burney will share archival material he's found that is relevant to Herring Run. This show-and-tell program will aim to educate people of all ages on things from their community that they may not have been previously aware of and also engage community elders who may have firsthand knowledge of some of these findings in conversation.

COLLAGE AND CONVERSATION WITH SHAN WALLACE
Saturday, June 11, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall
SHAN will discuss her work with photographic collage and share her thoughts about creativity, career, community, and social activism stemming from a childhood in East Baltimore. While you're here, try your hand at making collage art.

Sign up at prattlibrary.org/artists

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Take & Makes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, while supplies last. Registration is recommended for some events, call the branch to register. Walk-ins will be accepted until maximum capacity is met.

ADULTS

Take & Make: Aromatherapy Bracelet
May 2 – 31 | Cherry Hill

Yoga and Breathing for Beginners
Mondays, May 2 – June 27, 11:00 a.m.
Hamilton
Get more energy, bring flexibility to the joints, and reduce the stress in the body.

Jamercise with Ginger
Thursdays, May 5 – June 30, 4:00 p.m.
Cherry Hill & Virtual
Jamercise is an exercise program that combines the benefits of a cardio-aerobic workout with elements of dance.

Yoga and Mindfulness
Friday, May 6, 1:00 p.m.
Paul's Place, 1118 Ward St.
Enjoy yoga for everyone at Paul's Place, near the Washington Village branch.

Zumba
Saturdays, May 7 – June 11, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Anchor
This free fitness program consists of short-dance and aerobic-exercise routines performed to popular salsa, hip-hop, and Latin-American music.

Take & Make: Zine-Making for Mindful Self-Care
Saturday, May 7, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library, Fine Arts Department
Create a self-care zine using your own illustrations or our ready-made digital prints. Can't stay for the workshop? Stop by and pick up a zine supply kit to make one at home.

***Rx: A Graphic Memoir* Book Discussion**
Saturday, May 7, 2:00 p.m. | Central Library
Discuss this graphic-novel memoir chronicling Rachel Lindsay's life with bipolar disorder.

The Afrominimalist's Guide to Living With Less
Saturday, May 14, 11:00 a.m. | Light Street
In her latest book, The Afrominimalist's Guide to Living with Less, *Christine Platt encourages others to live with more authenticity and intention. There will be a book sale and signing after the event.*

Take & Make: Zen Garden
May 16 – 21 | Light St.

Take & Make: DIY Adult Coloring
May 16 – 30 | Reisterstown Rd.

Rambling Readers
Thursdays, May 19 – June 16, 10:00 a.m.
Central Library
Engage your physical, social, and mental/intellectual health with this walking book club. Participation is limited, so register at bst@prattlibrary.org or 410-396-5317.

Bike to Work Day
Friday, May 20, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Central Library
Central Library is hosting a pit stop in coordination with Baltimore Metropolitan Council. Stop by during your commute for one free cup of coffee from Ceremony Coffee Roasters, giveaways, and more.

Take & Make: DIY Cordless Jump Rope
June 1 – 30 | Forest Park

Seasonal Wellness for Modern Living
Saturday, June 25, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library, Creative Arts Center
Learn ways to address common seasonal health concerns in the second of a four-part series with two integrative health experts. Participants will walk away with Western and Eastern herbal strategies, helpful acupressure points, and simple lifestyle shifts to help balance them through the changing seasons.

TEENS

Teen "Self Care is Not Selfish" Series
Wednesdays, May 4 – 25, 3:30 p.m.
Southeast Anchor Library
Wednesdays in May we'll explore different ways to attend to your mental health.
May 4: Art Therapy Masks
May 11: Teen Yoga
May 18: DIY Bath Salts
May 25: Teen Yoga

Journaling Club: DIY Wreck This Journal
Wednesdays, June 1 – 29, 3:00 p.m.
Edmondson Ave.
Come and complete a journal activity based on the popular journal Wreck This Journal. *Journals will be handed out Monday, June 1, while supplies last. Teens may also participate with any kind of journal, ie. composition notebook, spiral notebook, sketchbook, etc. Contact the Edmondson Ave. branch to reserve your journal.*

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Wellness & Environmental Book Club!
Monday, May 2, 3:00 p.m. | Light St.
Monday, May 16, 3:00 p.m. | Brooklyn
Monday, May 23, 3:00 p.m. | Hamilton
We will share a short reading by an author of color on mental wellness, along with a mindfulness activity and reflection discussion, geared towards ages 3 – 9. Presented by The Black Mental Health Alliance and Baltimore Office of Sustainability.

Storytime for the Heart
Saturday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. | Central Library
Explore big feelings and quiet moments in this sensory storytime centered on exploring emotions, life events, and more. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-5402.

Animal Yoga Storytime
Saturday, May 14, 11:00 a.m. | Forest Park
Let's stretch out like lions and tigers to this interactive, fitness storytime. This outdoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0942.

Mindful Drawing
Wednesdays, May 4 – June 8, 11:30 a.m.
Hamilton
Learn how drawing lines and patterns can bring you some calm. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6088. Grab a Take & Make kit for the road. Kits are available May 4 – 11.

LEARN ONLINE

Keep up with the news, finally get that garden started, learn some guitar — whatever your next journey is, your Pratt Library card is right there waiting to help.

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Read your morning paper for FREE with **PRESSREADER!**
You can access to over 7,000 newspapers and magazines, including the Baltimore Sun. The PressReader app is available in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

We're also helping kids learn about animals and nature online with **GALE'S NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS**. Interactive videos, brain boosters, games and more available at the click of a button with your Pratt Library card.

You can find all these incredible free resources at prattlibrary.org/research.

LIVE MUSIC

The Mt. Vernon Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra presents "From Heart to Heart"
Friday, May 6, 12:00 p.m.
Central Library, Central Hall
Continuing their noontime concert series, the orchestra celebrates Mother's Day with a string quartet by Fanny Mendelssohn and music for cello and orchestra by Sir Edward Elgar and Ernest Bloch. Conductor Amit Peled will be the cello soloist. Also on the program will be Crisantemi (Chrysanthemums) by Giacomo Puccini, one of his few pieces written for instruments alone.

Live Music: Seth Kibel & Friends
Saturday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. | Light St.
In celebration of Jewish-American Heritage Month, Seth Kibel (clarinet, flute, saxophone), Vladimir Fridman (guitar, vocals), and Bob Abbott (double bass) will perform a varied program highlighting traditional klezmer (Eastern-European Jewish folk music), Yiddish theater classics, Yiddish folk songs, and maybe a few Russian gems, to boot.

Peabody at the Library
Saturday, May 14, 2:00 p.m. | Northwood
An informal classical music performance for all ages presented by student musicians from Peabody Conservatory.

Celebrate Summer at Washington Village Branch
Thursday, June 23, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Washington Village
Summer is here! Let's kickoff the season with a fun afternoon at the library. Enjoy a concert with Mr. Jon at 2:30 p.m., make a summer craft, make a beach-themed snack (while supplies last), and hear a fun summer story! Don't forget to sign up for Summer Break Baltimore!

EXHIBITS

INSIDE THE VAULT

Here at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, access to information is central to our mission. Like most public libraries we encourage our patrons to pluck books from the shelves to their heart's delight. But our library holds a wide variety of fragile and irreplaceable materials whose storage and handling requirements differ from the average book, materials we call "special collections."

Corona typewriter used by H. L. Mencken

War Bonds Poster from 1943.

The Special Collections Department at the Central Library houses rare books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, prints, artifacts, and art, with each item presenting its own unique preservation challenges. While most books in the general collection can be replaced when the spine wears out or the cover tears, our special collections cannot. For this reason, access must be viewed with a long-term perspective so that these objects will be available for future generations.

We are beyond excited to announce that this June, our exhibit "From the Vault: Treasures from Baltimore to Babylon" will open to the public. Visitors will get a chance to view some of our most beloved objects, such as a cuneiform tablet dated 572 BCE, which is the earliest artifact of written language here at the Pratt Library, and a Mongolian prayer board from the early 19th century and created in the monastery of Lama Gagen (The Place of the Lama Priests) in eastern Mongolia.

Other highlights in the exhibit include a copy of German astronomer Johannes Kepler's *De Stella Nova in Pede Serpentarii* (On the New Star in the Foot of the Serpent Handler), printed in 1606, as well a selection of the Pratt Library's collection of over 1,000 original posters relating to both World Wars.

Kepler's De Stella Nova in Pede Serpentarii

The exhibit will be located in the Annex at Central Library and open to the public. But you can always make an appointment to view items from Special Collections by emailing us at spc@prattlibrary.org or calling 443-984-2450.

SOUL OF THE BUTTERFLY: *CHICORY* MAGAZINE AND BALTIMORE'S BLACK ARTS ACTIVISM

Starting Friday, June 24 | Central Library

Can art be activism? Can a poem make a difference?

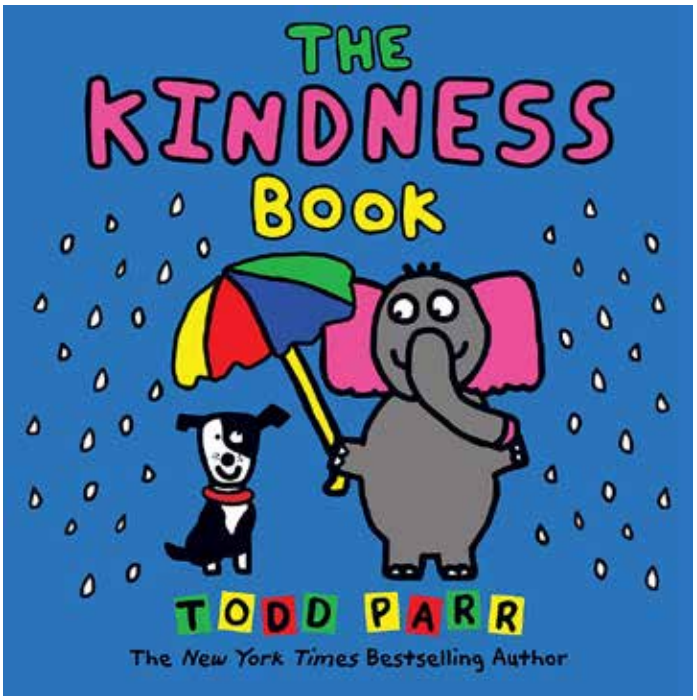
In the 1960s, Black writers in Baltimore said "yes" in the pages of *Chicory*, a poetry magazine published by the Pratt Library from 1966 – 1983. Its five editors turned the magazine into a hotbed of radical Black culture, publishing writing by everyone from children to elders, from social workers to people in prison, about everything from bad housing and schools to celebrations of Black joy.

Soul of the Butterfly is a traveling exhibit that uses *Chicory* to tell the story of how Black artist-activists in Baltimore have been making change since the 1960s. Featuring poetry, artwork, and photos, the exhibit reminds us why the Baltimore *Afro-American* called *Chicory*, "the most authentic microphone of Black folks talking ever devised." It connects past and present by featuring work by young writers, artists and creators in Baltimore in conversation with this history.

This exhibit is co-curated by a team of students at Rutgers University-Newark, Bard Early College High School Baltimore, Dewmore Baltimore, and Writers in Baltimore Schools, led by Dr. Mary Rizzo and Erin Santana.

Following its run at Central Library, the exhibit will travel to other library branches. See prattlibrary.org for details.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



THE KINDNESS BOOK BY TODD PARR

May 2 – June 30 | Govans

Embark on a journey around the Govanstowne community! Begin at the Govans Branch and pick up a guide to local schools and businesses, each featuring a panel of Todd Parr's *The Kindness Book* in their windows. Then, complete a kindness countdown activity for a chance to receive a copy of *The Kindness Book,* while supplies last.

STORYWALK® STOPS:

From start to finish, the StoryWalk® covers just under 2.5 miles and should take about 50 minutes to walk.

Govans Branch | 5714 Bellona Ave.

Illicit Rag Vintage | 5702 Bellona Ave.

T.G.Q. CUTZ BarberShop | 5700 Bellona Ave.

Full Tilt Brewing | 5604 York Rd.

Tunbridge Public Charter School | 5504 York Rd.

Loyola York Rd. Initiative (site of the Govanstowne Farmers' Market) | 5104 York Rd.

Govans Elementary School | 5801 York Rd.

Amazing Spiral Comics & Games | 5851 York Rd.

The Confetti Cake Bar | 5911 York Rd.

Loyola Clinical Center | 5911 York Rd.

Love That | 521 E. Belvedere Ave.

The Pharmacy @ Belvedere Square | 524 E. Belvedere Ave.

Baltimore Bicycle Works | 518 E. Belvedere Ave.

Van Dyke & Bacon Shoes | 5919 York Rd.

The Senator Theatre | 5904 York Rd.

The Wise Penny | 5902 York Rd.

Govans Presbyterian Preschool | 5824 York Rd.

Govans Branch | 5714 Bellona Avenue

KIDS WRITERS LIVE! TODD PARR

Saturday, June 25, 2:00 p.m. | Virtual

Join children's author Todd Parr for a virtual author visit! He will read stories and answer questions from the audience.

Eric Hyde Miller, a local artist from Westminster, MD, and co-founder of the Infinite Love Project®, donated a Be Kind sign to the Govans Branch. Learn more about the Infinite Love Project® at infiniteloveproject.com.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Take & Makes are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Registration is recommended for some events, call the branch to register. Walk-ins will be accepted until maximum capacity is met.

ADULTS

Take & Make: May Flowers
May 2 – 27 | Hampden
Make paper flowers and an upcycled vase to create a bouquet you won't need to water.

April Showers Bring May Flowers
Tuesdays, May 3 – 24, 3:00 p.m.
Southeast Anchor
Join us for a series of gardening projects with a different take away each week. Space is limited, so please call 410-396-1580 to reserve your spot.

Roland Park Civic League Speaker Series: Tony Bridges, Executive Director, Blue Water Baltimore
Thursday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. | Roland Park
Join us as we speak to Tony Bridges, Executive Director, Blue Water Baltimore and member of the Maryland General Assembly. Following brief remarks, Tony will answer questions from the community moderated by Roland Park Civic League President Claudia Diamond. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6059.

Organic Composting for Your Garden
Thursday, May 12, 6:00 p.m. | Canton
Join us as Utopihen Farms gives a talk on the importance of organic compost in soil maintenance. After the talk we will spread compost on the grounds of the library. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Library.

Bonsai Workshop with Maryland Bonsai Association
Saturday, May 28, 11:00 a.m. | Northwood
Learn the basics of bonsai care from experts, while planting your own bonsai tree. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6076.

Take & Make: Pressed Flower Bookmark
June 13 – 18 | Govans

Take & Make: DIY Mosaic Ceramic Flower Pot
June 20 – 30 | Reisterstown Rd.

Take & Make: Flowers and Nature Sticker by Number Book
June 20 – July 2 | Waverly

TEENS

Maryland Conservation Corp Presentation
Thursday, May 26, 3:00 p.m. | Patterson Park
A brief overview of the opportunities to be a part of the seasonal Maryland Department of Natural Resources Maryland Conservation Corp program. Come hear first-hand experience on what a great opportunity it is to work in the Maryland State Parks.

Spring Flower Pressing
Monday, May 2, 3:30 p.m. | Cherry Hill
Make your own bookmarks and greeting cards by pounding fresh flowers into paper.

Take & Make: Super Mario Terrariums
May 2 – 31 | Hampden

Take & Make: Plant Your Own Flower
May 2 – 31 | Waverly

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Take & Make: Grass Caterpillar
May 2 – 31 | Canton

Take & Make: Hummingbird Feeder
May 2 – 31 | Canton

Take & Make: Wind Chimes
May 2 – 31 | Waverly

Blooming Flower Pots
Thursday, May 5, 4:30 p.m. | Canton
Paint your own flower pot and fill it with colorful paper flowers. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-8548.

Felt Flowers Craft
Saturday, May 7, 1:30 p.m. | Southeast Anchor
Make a bouquet of beautiful no-sew felt flowers. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1580.

Fabric Flower Greeting Cards
Saturday, May 7, 2:00 p.m.
Washington Village
Make a greeting card with fabric flowers! This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-1099.

Flower Pot Craft
Wednesday, May 11, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Orleans St.
Decorate and plant seeds in biodegradable pots. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0970.

The Drawing Zoo
Saturday, May 14, 3:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Department
Together, we will meet a real, live chameleon and study each of their adaptations as we draw. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-5402.

Family STEAM: Children's Garden
Thursday, May 19, 4:30 p.m. | Canton
Help plant a flavorful garden at the Canton Branch. Then, make a leaf-print bowl to take home. This outdoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-8548.

Summer Seed Celebration
Saturday, May 21, 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Central Library, Children's Department
Make seed balls, learn about native plants, and take home a craft kit. This program is perfect for children ages 2 – 12 with assistance available for all ages and abilities. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register for either the 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. time slot, please call 410-396-5402.

Take & Make: Garden Party
June 1 – 30 | Canton
Make a paper flower lei, a garden gnome, and a colorful pinwheel.

Take & Make: Mini Compost Kits
June 1 – 30 | Forest park
Have you ever been curious about how an old leaf becomes dirt? Try out composting in your home to learn more about the life cycle of soil.

Take & Make: Nature Walk
June 1 – 30 | Northwood
Go for a walk and see what you can find!

Out and About with Field Guides
Wednesday, June 1, 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 4, 3:00 p.m.
Monday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 30, 11:00 a.m.
Roland Park
Learn how to use nature field guides and then create your own. This outdoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-6099.

Sun-Sensitive Nature Prints
Tuesday, June 7, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Orleans St.
Create a nature print with sun-sensitive paper and a variety of natural items. This indoor program has limited spaces. To register, please call 410-396-0970.

MR. PRATT PRESENTS

Mr. Pratt Presents, the Library's Annual Benefit Gala, was held on Saturday, April 2. The event featured actress Anna Deavere Smith and raised more than $470,000 to support the free programs and services of the Pratt Library.

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